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Mr. David H. Kenney
Congressional Relations
Department of State

LTC Grant Miller, USAF
Office of the Assistant to the Secretary
of Defense (Legislative Affairs)

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Dear David, Grant, and Bob:

The Pacific Study Group, Senate Armed Services Committee, is beginning to plan a series of meetings for December, 1978. Defense issues concerning Korea, Peoples Republic of China, and Taiwan will be covered in detail during these meetings. The Study Group is also seeking background information on key defense topics in Southeast Asia, Indian Ocean, and Persian Gulf.

Enclosed is a suggested set of meetings, topics, and participants. These meetings will be held on four dates: December 4, 5, 18 and 19. The Study Group would like to finalize arrangements for the December 4 and 5 meetings as soon as possible. We will not be able to develop detailed plans for the later meetings until the end of November.

I would like to meet with you during the week of November 13 to develop further the Study Group's tentative plans. I will contact you about a date and time for this meeting. At that meeting I would like to have your suggestions for the structure and topics of the meetings and participants from your agency. None of these plans are firm; your inputs will be a major consideration in developing these plans. I would like the State Department to discuss these tentative plans with the appropriate National Security Council staff members and to provide any comments that they may have.

Sincerely,

Jim Locher
James R. Locher, III
Professional Staff Member

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PACIFIC STUDY GROUP--DECEMBER MEETINGS

Monday, 4 December--Korea

2 PM - 3 PM Briefing on Military Balance in Korea (DoD/CIA)

3 PM - 5 PM Discussion Session on Korea

- o Advantages of 2nd Division withdrawal
- o Diplomatic options/dialogue between North and South Korea
- o Long-term U.S. military requirements in Korea
- o Economic balance
- o Nuclear proliferation in Northeast Asia

Suggested Participants

Mike Armacost, OSD

25X1 [redacted], CIA (Nuclear Proliferation)
NSC

Robert Rich, State

25X1 [redacted] CIA

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Tuesday, 19 December--SEA, Indian Ocean, and Persian Gulf

9 AM - 11 AM

Briefings on:

- o Vietnam--establishing diplomatic relations (State)
- o ASEAN--U.S. policy (State)
- o Philippines--base negotiations (State/DoD)
- o Indian Ocean SLOC vulnerability and Soviet threat to Persian Gulf oil sources (DoD)
- o Iran and Afghanistan (State)

Wednesday, 20 December

9 AM - 11 AM

Meeting with Mr. Brzezinski, Mr. Holbrooke,
and Mr. McGiffert

- o Administration positions on Northeast Asia issues
- o Areas to pursue with foreign governments